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The R E A C H O U T **MISSION STATEMENT:** Through Christ we put God first by teaching, reaching, and loving all.

Core Values:

- 1. We feed the "Body and Soul"
- 2. Community involvement/outreach programs
- 3. Strong commitment to family and children
- 4. Christian education
- 5. Inviting and welcoming all people into our fellowship with the Lord
- 6. Responsible stewards of our resources

I wonder if this mission statement and all the things I am going to talk about in this newsletter page are from ages past and has not been realized? Is it too late? Can we still shoot for them or do we need to rewrite them? I still think that Christ needs to be the greatest and most important thing on our mind, and if that is the truth in us, we will teach, reach, and love all. How can we express this mission statement in our community? Where does our community end or begin? Are our core values the same as when we wrote them? I think is time we ask these questions and work on and develop the church. Is covid still our reason or excuse for not being the church that Christ needs on this corner? Help me look in to a rebirth of this church into the Body of Christ.

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Vision Statement

Good Hope Lutheran Church is a Christ centered, vibrant, and growing congregation that is the heart and soul of our community; linked to all through its members and their faith in action.

This vison is something I still think we should strive to meet. Is it out there so you have a chance to be part of it? Or is it that we don't, as members, even know what our vision statement is, let alone know what it means. Our vision statement is above. Read it through. This vision means nothing if you are not linking us to the needs you see around you. Are we asking how can I help that group or person? Then asking ourselves, can my brothers and sisters in Christ help to make this more abundant? Can they help me to help even more? Imagine if each of us saw a need that we could help with and then we brought that need to the body of Christ. We could help in so many ways. Then the church as a body could ask, how can we help even more? Someone with a Thrivent account could write an action team grant to help out from the larger church. The church and council could look into the larger church to find out if there is a grant or another church doing this. Then ask, how can we take what they are doing and making it how we do it? Better yet, we might be able to work with that other church and add on to what they are doing to help our group and theirs. The ideas are limitless! That is how we become the heart and the soul of the community. Through our members and their faith in action.

With every thing we do, are we asking, is Christ the center? Is Christ the center of our church and is Christ the center of my life?

Holistic Small Group

Develop at least 8 new small groups, by interest in 2008 that follow these components:

1.Prayer 2.Study 3.Fellowship 4.Action – service

Christ is the center of all of us. That should be the biggest adventure in our lives. When we gather with each other or gather outside the church, it is up to us to make what happens about Christ. That is not smacking our friends and colleagues with our Bibles but asking if our little group here could have a little more meaning than just spending time. If they are followers of Christ, what joy! We can develop small groups with them. We can have some fellowship but also some type of action or service. I have heard of offices picking out an organization and gathering toys or diapers to give to that organization. Be the one who suggests or leads that at the organizations you work or play for. My son plays indoor soccer all year round. What would it take to ask that group to help some one or some organization out as they gather to play soccer. That is just one example. There are many interests and hobbies in our congregation. Let's say that you enjoy riding bikes. Maybe once a month you do a ride with all those people in the congregation who ride bikes. Just get together to ride bikes. Then when the weather is not so nice, maybe take a trip and ride in warmer weather. You meet more times to have prayer or read a devotional. And you find ways to serve the church or some organization in the community. Maybe there is more than one person who owns their own business and they want to get together. Again, just remember the components if you are members of Good Hope.

Look forward to announcements and articles on get togethers where we can discuss all these wonderful ways to identify us and our mission.





Pastor Ralph would like to add more members to our preaching team. This team provides worship when Pastor is on vacation or has an out of town wedding or funeral. If you are interested in more information or attending a preaching class, please sign up in the Narthex.



SHAKER WOODS

Pastor Ralph will be holding worship at Shaker Woods on August 20 at 8:30am. This service will replace our 8:00 worship at Good Hope. Everyone is invited!

There will be a shuttle bus at Gate A to take us to the Chapel.

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE AUGUST

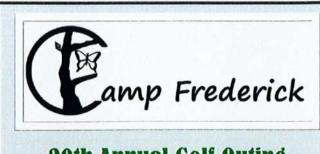
| Serving in God's house | August 6 | August 13 | August 20 | August 27 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Lector 8:00 | Nancy Crouse | Greg Razo | Shaker Woods 8:30 | Nancy Crouse |
| Lector 10:30 | Kathy Kramer | Andy Tesyk | Pam Nock | Kathy Kramer |
| Communion bread | Tammy Chuey | Tammy Chuey | Tammy Chuey | Tammy Chuey |
| Chrema | Tammy Chuey | Tammy Chuey | Tammy Chuey | Nancy Barret |
| | Wendy Edwards | Wendy Edwards | Sandy Kuntz | Wendy Edwards |

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE SEPTEMBER

| Serving in God's house | September 3 | September 10 | September 17 | September 24 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30 | Greg Razo Andy Tesyk | Nancy Crouse Pam Nock | Greg Razo Kathy Kramer | Nancy Crouse Pam Nock |
| Communion bread | Debbie Dulovich | Debbie Dulovich | Debbie Dulovich | Debbie Dulovich |
| Chrema | Tammy Chuey Sarah Ross | Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards | Tammy Chuey Sandy Kuntz Sarah Ross | Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards |

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| DATE | EVENT | COLOR | READINGS | INTRODUCTION |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------|---|---|
| August 6th | 10th Sunday after Pentecost | green | Isaiah 55: 1-5 Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21 | In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry. |
| August 13 | 1 1th Sunday after Pentecost | green | 1 Kings 19: 9-18 Psalm 85: 8-13 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33 | Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others. |
| August 20th | 12th Sunday after Pentecost | green | Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 1-9, 10-28 | In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need. |
| August 27th | 13th Sunday after Pentecost | green | Isaiah 51: 1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20 | In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed. |



30th Annual Golf Outing



Join us at: Knoll Run Golf Course

Address: 1421 Struthers Coitsville Rd. Lowellville, OH. 44436

Saturday, September 30th

Shotgun start at 9:00AM

campfrederickohio.com

Questions or for more information call the Camp office at 330–227-3633.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.



Event Schedule

| • | Check-in and donuts and coffee | 8:00 AM |
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| • | Welcome and course rules | 8:45 AM |
| • | Shotgun start | 9:00 AM |

Hot dogs snacks and beverages provided at the turn

- Steak dinner immediately following play
- Camp Frederick remarks by Matt Miller- Camp Director
- Winners and prizes awarded

Great Golf!

Knoll Run Golf Course our superb hosts!

Shotgun start...50/50 raffle...Team mulligans

Some of the prizes include, longest drive (men's and women's), closest to the pin, , Par 3 bucket prize, Skins game (\$20), Best team score and runner up, and numerous door prizes

Great Food!

Save a Lot Food Stores will provide all the food for the outing including hot dogs at the turn and a delicious steak with side dishes and dessert for dinner.



Our Prayer List



Joe Kreidler Joe Dulovich Brian Huddleston Patty Dickey Alison Dobro Savannah Popio Janet Chittock Dennis Grant Terry Ward Checker Ward Jeff McMurray Jamie Carol Jean Horst Floyd Welker Daniel McMurray Donald Stoffer Wendi Vinkler Family of Jim Frost

6– Johnithan & Baylee Vinkler6– Chadd & Anna Anderson

In the military: Alyssa Bryce Liberty Jakeb Fry Lyndsey Miller

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

<u>August 6</u>

Debbie Haines Nick Haines Alice Ann Haller Charles Haller

August 13

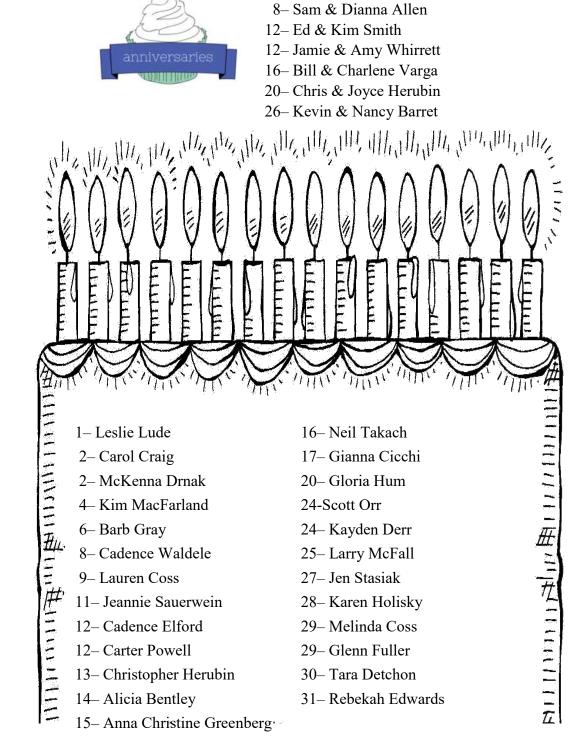
Donna Jean Haller Loetta Haller Kara Haskin Tyler Haskin

<u>August 20</u>

Chris Herubin Christopher Herubin Joyce Herubin Amy Hiland

August 27

Layla Hill Laurie Hoefert Ed Holisky Karen Holisky



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2023

present: Greg, Nancy, Kevin, Lauren, Mike, P. Ralph, Wendy

excused: Carl and Kim

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report –July– 2023

Area of Focus Last Month:

- I had 21 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- Hospital visit- 1 Karen Rowley
- Funeral- 2 Karen Rowley, Rocky Whitfield
- Renewal of Vows- Deborah & Kenneth Orr
- I had 26 contacts by phone for significant help.
- We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- Over the past month, I have presided at 14 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
- June 3 Women's Fellowship
- June 11 Strawberry Festival
- June 16 Mobile Market @ Woodworth Park- Good Hope to have hot dogs, chips, soda, water and cookies
- June 17 Karen Rowley funeral
- June 20 Mitch Phillips Assistant to the Bishop coming to the Council Meeting
- June 24 Rocky Whitfield funeral
- June 25 Renewal of Vows Orr

Secretary's Report:

Attended day camp meetings Served at music in the park Served at the mobile market Served at fish fry Wrote Thrivent grant for day camp Changed paraments Answered calls for 3 c's Updated electronic sign Organized clothing shed Completed office duties Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes Prepared bulletins and power point services Prepared and distributed the Reachout All bills and statements to Naomi

Old Business:

a. P. Ralph received a quote for \$4, 000 for a picture directory. He is going to meet with them and another place. He will also call Realm to see how their directory works.

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b. Greg has a team put together to remove our current sidewalks and pour new ones. The work will be done this Fall.

c. Greg is thinking of changing the yard sale to a raffle. He will present this to council in August for discussion and help planning.

d. Nancy asked Naomi to prepare the budget for 2024. Naomi agreed to have it ready before the October meeting.

e. Discussion was held about the concepts that Mitch Phillips brought to the last meeting. It was decided to ask him back in the Fall to help us learn new ways of being church.

New Business:

a. P. Ralph motions to accept Naomi as the person to prepare the 2024 budget. Kevin seconds. Motion carried.

b. Council is gathering supplies for the annual Good Hope picnic August 13th at noon. Michael will provide tables and chairs and the tent and grill again this year.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



Treasurer's Report Ending June 30, 2022

| Negative shown in parentheses | Actual For June | Actual Budget for June | Budget remaining for June |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Income | \$8,022.75 | \$16,535.00 | \$8,512.25 |
| Expense | \$14,981.69 | \$16,434.57 | \$1,452.88 |
| Net Total | (\$6,958.94) | \$100.43 | \$7,059.37 |

Mark Your Calendar

August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30– Music in the Park concerts at Woodworth Park 7pm
August 2 & 16 – Community picnic at Calvary 6pm
August 2– Beaver Patrolman's Association annual golf outing
August 11 & 25– fish fry and shrimp dinners 3– 6:30pm \$15
August 13– Good Hope's annual picnic
August 20– Worship at Shaker Woods at 8:30am
September 2– Camp Frederick annual golf outing
September 9– Women's Fellowship at 11:30
September 13- Bible study resumes at 6pm

****Special Notes****

Used greeting cards:

Used greeting cards are collected all year long. Please put them in the container on the table in the Narthex. These cards are donated to the Alzheimer facility so they can be used to make crafts.

Worship change August 20: Instead of having our 8am service here at Good Hope, we will be having worship At Shaker Woods at 8:30am. All of you are welcome to attend this special service. Women's Fellowship will be September 9th. The theme is sunflowers and all are invited. Bible study will resume September 13 at 6pm. We will start with Jeremiah chapters 1-4.

Thank You

Thank you for cookies for the Day Camp! The kids get so excited to see the cookie table!

Thanks for the wood scraps, buckets, and powers strips for Good Grief Camp! The craft pavilion is always busy and we appreciate your donations! I hope you enjoy the pictures.











GOOD HOPE'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 13th AT NOON Council will provide hamburgers and hotdogs and buns for both. Dinnerware and condiments and beverages will also be provided. Please bring a covered dish or side dish or dessert to share. Yard games are welcome such as cornhole, lawn darts, and volleyball. You may also bring friends and neighbors. If it is raining, we will have the picnic in Fellowship Hall– same day and time.

Hope to see you there!



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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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